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SHACK PRICES DROP.

Board of Trade Fisheries Committee Held a Special Meeting.

At a special meeting of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade yesterday, it was decided to make a slight cut in the present prices of fresh cusk, hake and haddock. Despite the fact that the receipts of shack have been exceptionally heavy this season, extra high prices have been maintained, so that the cut really leaves the kinds of fish affected at a fine figure. Fresh hake will now be 90 cents per hundred pounds, fresh cusk, \$1.50 and western haddock, \$1.10, with eastern haddock at \$1.

Big Shack Trips.

Sch. Metamora, Capt. John Robbins, arrived this morning with a big fare of fresh fish, having 160,000 pounds, mostly hake. It being one of the largest shack trips of the season.

Sch. Quickstep also has a big shack trip 120,000 pounds of fresh fish, and sch. Indians from the same kind of fishing, has 125,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Bait scarce at Newfoundland.

Letters received from Newfoundland at Lunenburg, N. S., states that bait is scarce at Newfoundland and that 50 Lunenburg vessels are at different ports on the island waiting for bait and none had secured any at the time of writing.

Dogfish on the Banks.

The Lunenburg banker Hilda C., which arrived at her home port from the banks last Saturday, reports that the dogfish are causing the fishermen much trouble on the banks.

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The annual value of the

THE IRISH FISHING INDUSTRY. fish caught by Irish fishermen is estimated to be between \$14,303,000 and \$19,000,000, of which about \$290,000 goes to private proprietors and the remainder to the fishermen under the common-law rights. The number of men engaged in Irish sea fisheries in 1903 was approximately 25,000, and the number of boats 6235. That was the best year the Irish sea fisheries have had since 1899.

There is a tendency to use larger boats for this industry, and the question of better harbor facilities and transportation is being agitated, as with a lack of cold-storage warehouses and the absence of refrigerator cars the industry is at present much hampered. During the year 1903 the department of agriculture afforded instruction in the various matters concerning fishing, and made loans amounting to \$13,138 to fishermen to enable them to purchase and repair boats and obtain gear. The department also distributed to fishing centres in Ireland twice a week by telegraph information as to the progress of mackerel fishing. Its steam cruiser, assisted by another steam vessel, was employed during the year in preventing steam trawlers from fishing within the prohibited areas.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston, 130,000 pounds fresh fish.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Georges, 250 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Margie Smith, Georges, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, via Boston.

Sch. Lewis H. Giles, Georges, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Yakima, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 75c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.

Bank hrlibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Georges halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14.25 per bbl.; rimmed, \$14.50 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Flavilla, 22,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 400 pollock.

Sch. Canopus, 3500 haddock, 11,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Selma, 85,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 6000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 2000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Motor, 109 swordfish.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 83 swordfish.

Sch. Nakomis, 60 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$1.75; pollock, 80 cents.

Mackerel Notes.

The traps at Lunenburg, N. S., had 600 large mackerel on Tuesday.

From Penobscot Bay come reports of many schools of tinker mackerel. Several schools have been seen from Fort Point and a number of fish have been taken by men fishing off schooners anchored off Fort Point Cove.

The fare of sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, at Boston yesterday, netted the craft \$1085, which was certainly a fine return for a 35 hour trip, which, by the way, is the quickest mackerel trip of the season at Boston.

The fares of schs. Lucinda I. Lowell and Margie Smith sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$14.25 per bbl.

Founded on Herring Bones.

Dutch monopoly of the North sea fishing grounds during the seventeenth century brought such wealth and prosperity to Amsterdam that the capital of Holland was popularly said to be founded on herring bones. No less than 50,000 Hollanders were directly engaged in fishing the coasts from near Yarmouth to as far north as the Shetlands, and 150,000 more were employed, indirectly, in the distribution and sale of the fish. Sir Walter Raleigh pointed out to James I. how the Dutch sold to the Yarmouth herring mongers fish caught in their own seas for English gold, with which they built annually a thousand ships and fishing boats.

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Has a Fine Fare.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, arrived this morning from a Georges halibut trip with a splendid fare, 110,000 pounds of fresh and 5000 pounds of salt fish and 6000 pounds of halibut. The vessel was gone but two weeks and Capt. Carroll is doing well at this kind of fishing.

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Sch. Eglantine, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt fish, 6000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Priscilla, Georges, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Lillian, Tremont, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Canopus, via Boston.

Sch. Emma W. Brown, Georges, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.

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Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 17,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. George Parker, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Saladin, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, fresh mackerel.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 23,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.25; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75; mackerel, 14 cents.

SQUID ON GRAND BANK.

Lunenburg, N. S., Reports Say They Are Plentiful.

Report at This Time Is a Most Encouraging One.

A Lunenburg, N. S., despatch says that reports from some of its bankers are to the effect that squid are plentiful on Grand Bank and that the reports from the bank are of a much more encouraging nature than for some time past. If the report of squid on the bank is true, and there is no reason to doubt it, nobody around here will care particularly about Premier Bond's famous Bait Act.